



*Commencement - Winter 2009*



# Fifty-third Commencement

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Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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# Fifty-third Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Elgar  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Invocation ..... Dr. Glenn Coltharp  
*Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome ..... Dr. Bruce W. Speck  
*President, Missouri Southern State University*

Introduction of Commencement Speaker ..... Dr. Bruce W. Speck

Commencement Speaker ..... Dr. Eugene Langevin, D.O.  
*Joplin Physician and Cardiologist*

Presentation of Class ..... Dr. Brad Kleindl  
*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dr. Bruce W. Speck

## ***Presentation of Diplomas***

Congratulatory Remarks ..... Dr. Roger Chelf  
*President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University*

Announcement of Academic Honors ..... Dr. Brad Kleindl

Turning of the Tassel ..... Mrs. Linda Dean, '78  
*President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors*

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13) ..... Nichole M. Gust  
*Music Vocal Performance major, Joplin*  
Ashley Marie (Carey) Smith  
*Vocal Music Education major, Lee's Summit*

Benediction ..... Dr. Glenn Coltharp

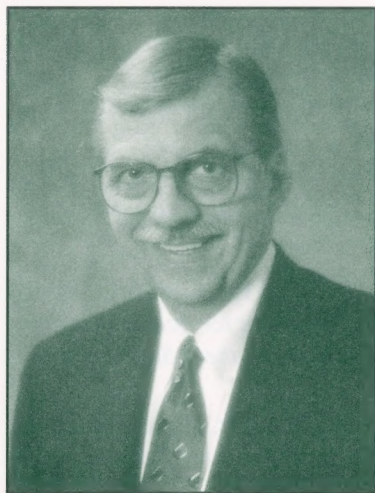
Recessional "Sine Nomine" ..... R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Sign Language Interpreter ..... Mrs. Mary Zustiak

*Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.*

**The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience.**





## About the Speaker

**Eugene E. Langevin, D.O.**, Joplin area physician and cardiologist, a native of Joplin, Dr. Langevin is a graduate of Joplin Junior College (now Missouri Southern State University) and the University of Missouri at Kansas City Pharmacy School. He graduated from the University of Health Science Center with a Doctor of Osteopathy degree.

Dr. Langevin interned and completed a Residency at the Oklahoma Osteopathic Hospital. He completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Dr. Langevin is certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Osteopathic Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow in Internal Medicine and a Fellow in Cardiology from the American College and has an EKG Certification from the American College of Cardiology.

He is certified in Interventional Cardiology and is a Master Fellow in the American College of Osteopathic Internists.

He was named an Outstanding Alumnus in 1987. Dr. Langevin conducted a General Practice in Galena, Kan. and Joplin from 1971-75 and Cardiology Practice in Joplin from 1977 to the present. Freeman Health Systems named him Medical Teacher of the Year for 2007 and 2009. Dr. Langevin and his wife, Judy, are residents of Joplin.



## Points of Pride

### In Our Faculty ...

In the Social Sciences Department 13 published authors teach, three of whom have authored books, including one of the top textbooks on collective behavior from the #1 textbook publisher in the U.S. The textbook is used at universities around the world. The department includes a Rhodes Scholar, five professors who have won Outstanding Teaching Awards, 13 Ph.D.s and two licensed attorneys.

### In Our Programs ...

For the 9th consecutive year MSSU's Radiologic Technology program students recorded 100% first-time passage on the national board exams.

### In Our Athletics ...

Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country coaches Tom Rutledge and Patty Vavra, fresh off a sweep of this year's MIAA Championships, were named MIAA Cross Country Coaches of the Year. The Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams swept the 2009 NCAA Division II South Central Regionals – the third in a row for the women, and the second title in the last three years for the men.

### In Our Graduates ...

- Dr. Elizabeth Barlet, M.D., '84, Biology, is now an OBGYN at McCune-Brooks Regional Hospital, Carthage;
- Mr. Larry Thimmesch, '05, Graphic Design, went on to earn a Master's Degree in Business and is now Bombardier Aerospace's program director for its new Learjet 85 business jet;
- Katherine Raum, '02, Sociology (Minor in French), completed two-years with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, working on initiatives related to HIV/AIDS education and public health. In 2011, she will enter the Juris Doctor/Master of Public Service degree program at the Clinton School and the Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.



# Candidates for Honors & Degrees

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡  
Forbes, Rita Marie †  
Heiskell, Stacy Ann ‡

Moser, Hayley Nicole  
Moss, Stephanie Kathryn  
Ransom, Allyson Panetta

Roby, Trent Lance  
Roughton, Aspen L.  
Shipman, Anthony Reed ‡

Thomas, Jeremy David †  
Wostal, Holly Ann †  
Wright, Karma M.

## Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Boles, Crystal Dawn  
Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent  
Ford, Emily N.

Hickman-Baker, Matthew  
Horner, Angela Marie  
Jones, Joy D.

Martin, Michelle Ryan  
McGee, Amanda Lee  
Reed, Jamie Kay

Schrage, Kyle Anthony  
Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie

## Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡  
Booher, Kathryn Ann  
Cox, Graham Devon  
Davis, Kristine Costello  
Green, Danra Kayette  
Hatcher, Christine Renee

Heisler, Megan Racheal  
Hohenfeldt, Renea Nicole  
Huston, Paul E.  
Kennedy, Pazia Raeann  
Mullenax, Brandi Lynn

Norton, Kaitlin E.  
Obert, Amber Marie  
Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo  
Randolph, Levi Cole  
Reeve, DeAun Sue

Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡  
Schubert, Shauna Renee  
Stone, Amber M.  
Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine  
Wright, Holly Ann  
Youngs, Stephen Mark

## Associate Degrees

First Honors • Grade point average 3.90 or above

Moss, Stephanie Kathryn

Roby, Trent Lance

Thomas, Jeremy David †

Second Honors • Grade point average 3.80-3.89

Jones, Joy D.

Schrage, Kyle Anthony

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70-3.79

Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡

Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo

Schubert, Shauna Renee



# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

**Amann, Kelsey Laree**  
Theatre  
Galena, KS

**Grau, Beverly Arlene**  
International Studies  
Guatemala

**Mallory, Alexis Michelle**  
Communication  
Horsham, PA

**Richardson, JaVan LaTrice**  
Communication  
St. Louis

**Baker, Montero Shorntae**  
Art  
Columbus, MS

**Gray, Danna Sue**  
Art  
Lee's Summit

**Marlett, Brandon David**  
Chemistry  
Pueblo, CO

**Roberds, Rachel K.**  
Communication  
Webb City

**Baugh, Cherie Telayne**  
Communication  
Joplin

**Gust, Nichole Marie**  
Music  
Joplin

**Monroe, Kenneth Matthew**  
Communication  
North Little Rock, AR

**Ryan, Stephanie Lynne**  
Communication  
Galena, KS

**Blacksher, Sarah Jane**  
History  
Springfield

**Heiskell, Stacy Ann ‡**  
English  
Neosho

**Norton, Kaitlin E.**  
Sociology  
Joplin

**Scofield, Serena Soledad**  
Spanish  
Carthage

**Cartwright, Justin Lee**  
Art  
Bella Vista, AR

**Heisler, Megan Racheal**  
Art  
Neosho

**Oberdick, Heather Michele**  
German, English  
Independence

**Shipman, Anthony Reed ‡**  
English, Spanish  
Diamond

**Curtice, Travis Benjamin**  
Art  
Joplin

**Hickman-Baker, Matthew Donald**  
Spanish  
Edna, KS

**Pham, Patricia Thi**  
Communication  
Joplin

**Sutton, Jessica Lynne**  
History  
Drexel

**Dennis, Trey Taylor**  
Communication  
Pineville

**Johnson, Malore Lynnette**  
Sociology  
Bella Vista, AR

**Randolph, Levi Cole**  
Music  
Joplin

**Thompson, Crystal Faith**  
English  
Grove, OK

**Forbes, Rita Marie †**  
German, Communication  
Pleasant Hill

**Lafferty, K. Colleen**  
English  
Joplin

**Ransom, Allyson Panetta**  
French, History  
Gravette, AR

**Tripp, Allison Renee**  
Spanish  
Webb City

## Bachelor of Science

**Aleshire, Chase Andrew**  
Mathematics  
Joplin

**Chitsazan, Nahal**  
Communications  
Cave Springs, AR

**Davis, Kristine Costello**  
Sociology  
Noel

**Doughty, Jamie Melissa**  
Biology  
Rich Hill

**Bush, Crystal**  
Biology  
Albany, GA

**Cope, Erica D.**  
Sociology  
Joplin

**Davis, Nicholas Allen**  
Biology  
Neosho

**Dowell, Nathan Aaron**  
BioChemistry  
Carl Junction



**Gilleland, Alesha Irene**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

**Hendren, Madolyn Gay**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Houlihan, Samantha Jo**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Howard, Stephanie Elaine**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Howe, Heather Nicole**

*Biology*  
Dewitt, AR

**Kane, Alicia Jordan**

*Chemistry*  
Carl Junction

**Karel, Alyssa Wylene**

*Communication*  
Bentonville, AR

**Lewis, John Andrew**

*Environmental Health*  
Joplin

**Manley, Erin D.**

*Biology*  
Loma Linda

**Martin, Michelle Ryan**

*Biology*  
Neosho

**McDaniel, Samuel Adam**

*Sociology*  
Ponca City, OK

**Murphy, Isaac Ray**

*Biology*  
Webb City

**Neidert, Teara Sue**

*Sociology*  
Purdy

**Reed, Jamie Kay**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Russell, Ashlee Jordan ‡**

*Communication*  
Ponce de Leon

**Shanks, Tosha Nichole**

*Communication*  
Ash Grove

**Stinnett, Jeremy Jason**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Stone, Amber M.**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Strait, Tristian E.**

*Environmental Health*  
Carthage

**Thorn, Cody Weston**

*Communication*  
Joplin

**Tyurikov, Ilya A.**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Vaughn, Samantha Jane**

*Biology*  
Joplin

**Whitenburg, Jay Durin**

*Biology*  
Joplin

# School of Business Administration

## Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Aleshire, Alicia Nicole**

*General Business*  
Joplin

**Badgley, Cheri Lynn**

*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Ballard, James Matthew**

*Finance/Economics-Personal Financial Planning*  
Carl Junction

**Baumann, Jonathan Matthew**

*General Business*  
Webb City

**Baxter, Jennifer A. ‡**

*International Business*  
Owasso, OK

**Beard, Tiffany Michelle**

*Accounting, Finance/Economics-  
Certified Financial Management*  
Asbury

**Bearkheimer, John Andrew**

*Marketing*  
Harrisonville, MO

**Beasley, Cheryl**

*Management*  
Webb City

**Bichara, Charbel Paul Davou**

*International Business, Marketing*  
Joplin

**Bishop, Kristen Leigh**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Blaxton, Garland Malachi Sims**

*Management, International Business*  
Joplin

**Booth, Ryan**

*Accounting*  
Anderson

**Branham, Lesa Jeanette**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Brawner, Jared Michael**

*Management, Finance/Economics-  
Chartered Financial Analyst*  
Kirkville

**Brown, Sarah Lynn**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Budnick, Meagan Elizabeth**

*Marketing*  
Ballwin



**Castor, Letisha Lorraine**

*Accounting*

Carthage

**Childs, Andrea Lane**

*Accounting*

Silver Lake, KS

**Clark, Richard David**

*Management*

Neosho

**Coble, James William**

*General Business*

Galena, KS

**Coffman, Savanah Leigh**

*Accounting*

Nevada

**Darr, Callie J.**

*Marketing*

Quapaw, OK

**Davidson, Daniel Richard**

*Management*

Neosho

**Dearing, Brock Adam**

*Management*

Liberal

**Doty, Jana Renee**

*Accounting*

Joplin

**Dycus, Alison LeAnn**

*Accounting*

Webb City

**Ellis, Joel Andrew**

*Accounting*

Joplin

**Fazio, Jr., Tom Vincent**

*Accounting*

Webb City

**Ford, Emily N.**

*Management*

Joplin

**Greek, Adam Lee**

*General Business*

Webb City

**Hamilton, Gail Rane**

*General Business*

Lamar

**Harrington, India Leigh**

*Management*

Portageville

**Hauser, Brock Harold**

*Accounting, Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Management*

Wyandotte, OK

**Hohenfeldt, Renea Nicole**

*Accounting*

Alba, MO

**Hosfelt, Stephanie LouAnn**

*Finance/Economics-Personal Finance*

Riverton, KS

**Huston, Paul E.**

*Marketing*

Carthage

**Johnston, Tara Marie**

*International Business*

Joplin

**Keller, Jamie Nicole**

*Marketing, Management*

Oronogo

**Kelley, Jason Ray**

*Management*

Carl Junction

**Kelly, Casey Rene**

*Accounting*

Joplin

**King, David Lynere**

*Accounting*

Webb City

**Ko, Tatsuya**

*Management*

Amagasaki, Hyogo, Japan

**L'Hommedieu, Shelby Renee**

*Marketing*

Joplin

**Mason, Jessica Lynn**

*Marketing*

Joplin

**Matthews, Jeremy Wayne**

*General Business*

Galena, KS

**McAuliff, Brian Patrick**

*Marketing*

Joplin

**McClellan, Deric James**

*General Business*

Carthage

**McGee, Amanda Lee**

*Management*

Joplin

**McGee, Katelyn Michelle**

*General Business*

Neosho

**McManis, Brista Diane**

*Management*

Lamar

**Mullenax, Brandi Lynn**

*Marketing*

Joplin

**Newcom, Tamara L.**

*Accounting*

Lincoln, KS

**Parks, Shane Paul**

*Marketing*

Carl Junction

**Parsons, Ben David**

*Accounting*

Joplin

**Piley, Dean Allen**

*Management*

Joplin

**Pippin, Meggie Cazzina**

*Management, Marketing*

Carl Junction

**Qualls, Ashley Rae**

*Management*

Galena, KS

**Rich, Heather Cathleen**

*Management*

Goodman

**Roberson, Scott Thomas**

*Finance/Economics-Certified Financial Analyst*

Bentonville, AR

**Robertson, Latoyia Brittany**

*Accounting*

Oronogo

**Saba, Sheila Marie**

*General Business*

Springfield

**Sarver, Eric Michael**

*Accounting*

Bartlesville, OK

**Schmidt, Stephanie Marie**

*Marketing*

Monett

**Shockley, Joy Leah**

*Management*

Fair Grove

**Smith, Briana Rene Kent**

*General Business*

Webb City

**Stephens, Christopher W.**

*Accounting*

Cassville

**Verfurth, Ryan Joseph**

*Marketing*

Billings

**Watts, Laura C.**

*Management*

Webb City



**Wilkerson, Whitney Marie**  
*Management*  
Carl Junction

**Withers, Matthew Grant**  
*Management*  
Webb City

**Word, Dillon Thomas**  
*Management, General Business*  
Joplin

**Wostal, Holly Ann †**  
*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Wright, Karma M.**  
*Management*  
Chanute, KS

**Youngs, Stephen Mark**  
*Management*  
Oronogo

**Zuppan, Alexandria Ellie**  
*Finance/Economics-Personal Financial  
Planning*  
Joplin

## Bachelor of Science

**Powell, Tim J.**  
*Management Technology*  
Joplin

## School of Education

### Bachelor of Arts

**Hankins, Kimberly G.**  
*Psychology*  
Carl Junction

**Lieneman, Robin Lee**  
*Psychology*  
Carthage

## Bachelor of Science

**Bagby, Robert William**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Black, George**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Brundige, Melissa Ann**  
*Psychology*  
Nevada

**Buzzard, Anya lone**  
*Psychology*  
Lamar

**Green, Derik Paul**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Hendrix, Meschelle Renea**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Horner, Angela Marie**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Joplin

**Kennedy, Pazia Raeann**  
*Psychology*  
Aurora

**Mitchell, Jessica Ann**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Osborne, Timothy C.**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Carthage

**Patton, Alyssa Ann**  
*Psychology*  
Lee's Summit

**Umpenhour, Kyle Alfred**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Wise II, Ronald Rena**  
*Health Promotion and Wellness*  
Tulsa, OK



# Bachelor of Science in Education

**August, Christopher Jay**

*Secondary Education-Physical Education  
Gravette, AR*

**Babb, Melinda Kay**

*Elementary Education  
Neosho*

**Barratt, Trent Alan**

*Secondary Education-Social Studies  
Granby*

**Bartholet, Elizabeth Ann**

*Secondary Education-Instrumental  
Joplin*

**Bass, Kari Lee**

*Middle School Education-Math/Social  
Studies  
Monett*

**Basye, Isaiah C.**

*Elementary Education  
Oronogo*

**Bechtel, Donald Lee**

*Middle School Education-Industrial  
Technology/Social Studies  
Joplin*

**Bennett, Gary Don**

*Secondary Education-Social Science/  
History  
Goodman*

**Boles, Crystal Dawn**

*Elementary Education  
Eagle Rock*

**Booher, Kathryn Ann**

*Elementary Education  
Carl Junction*

**Bradley, Michelle Susan**

*Elementary Education  
Duenweg*

**Brusca, Matthew R.**

*Secondary Education-Music  
Joplin*

**Burt, Troy M.**

*Secondary Education-Art  
Diamond*

**Carey, Ashley Marie**

*Secondary Education-Vocal  
Webb City*

**Carnes, Melanie Lauren**

*Secondary Education-Business  
Miami, OK*

**Cottrell-Leary, Tiffany Anne**

*Elementary Education  
Baxter Springs, KS*

**Cox, Cheryl Ann**

*Elementary Education  
Jasper*

**Cox, Graham Devon**

*Secondary Education-English  
Joplin*

**Craig, Cyndi Renee**

*Elementary Education  
Carthage*

**Del Prato, Jessica Marie**

*Elementary Education  
Webb City*

**England, Christopher R.**

*Elementary Education  
Miami, OK*

**Equihua, Paul P.**

*Secondary Education-Instrumental  
Joplin*

**Fisher, LaHeather Nicole Ashby**

*Secondary Education-Unified Science  
Webb City*

**Fuller, Jennifer J.**

*Elementary Education  
Joplin*

**Garland, Lisa A.**

*Secondary Education-Social Studies  
Joplin*

**Houston, Matthew Dean**

*Secondary Education-Physical Education  
Joplin*

**Jones, Kirk Wayne**

*Secondary Education-Physical Education  
Carthage*

**Klier, Ashley Lynne**

*Middle School Education-Math/Social  
Studies  
Neosho*

**Murphy, Megan Marie**

*Elementary Education  
Nevada*

**Obert, Amber Marie**

*Elementary Education  
Lamar*

**Reeve, DeAun Sue**

*Elementary Education  
Duenweg*

**Roughton, Aspen L.**

*Elementary Education  
Jasper*

**Schwaninger, Sallie Anne**

*Elementary Education  
Asbury*

**Stehm, Shea Kelcey**

*Secondary Education-Physical Education  
Joplin*

**Stewart, Deana Michele**

*Secondary Education-Unified Science  
Neosho*

**Trimble, Gina Lee**

*Elementary Education  
Joplin*

**Vice, Christina Ellen**

*Secondary Education-Unified Science  
Duenweg*

**Whitehead, Gabriel C.**

*Middle School Education-Speech &  
Theater/Science  
Ash Grove*

**Woods, Patricia Lee**

*Secondary Education-Unified Science  
Joplin*

**Wright, Holly Ann**

*Elementary Education  
Carl Junction*

**Zeuschner, Jamie Nicole**

*Elementary Education  
Joplin*



# School of Technology

## Bachelor of Science

**Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Lenexa, KS

**Barley, Brad Lee**

*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Joplin

**Braker, Trent A.**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Iantha

**Brunner, Shaun M.**

*CIS-Information Technology*  
Joplin

**Cason, Oun'Janiese Lavonne**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Kansas City

**Childers, Derick Conn**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Grove Spring

**Comstedt, Rebecca Gail**

*Health Science*  
Frederick, CO

**Donat, India Teal**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Cedarcreek

**Estes, Ryan David**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Clever

**Friend, Jason Paul**

*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Sarcoxie

**Green, Danra Kayette**

*Medical Technology*  
Quapaw, OK

**Hay, Sydney Marie**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Lehi, UT

**Jones, Joy D.**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Miami, OK

**Long, Travis Alan**

*CIS-Information Technology*  
Neosho

**Lundine, Jesse Lee-Ellen**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Humboldt, KS

**Martin, E. Melissa F.**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Mathew, Ericson Robert**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Seneca

**McKee, Monica Marie**

*Health Science*  
Carthage

**Miller, Chelsie Kae**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Seneca

**Moss, Stephanie Kathryn**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Mindenmines

**Ogunsola, Ayodeji Adedapo**

*CIS-Information Technology*  
Sanga Ota, Nigeria

**Outhouse, Alicia Lynn**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Seligman

**Pracht, Ericka Marie**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Carl Junction

**Roby, Trent Lance**

*CIS-Information Technology*  
Lamar

**Schippers, Amanda Renae**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Webb City

**Schrage, Kyle Anthony**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Carl Junction

**Schubert, Shauna Renee**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Imperial

**Terhune, Mallory Elizabeth**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Lockwood

**Thomas, Jeremy David †**

*CIS-Information Technology*  
Carthage

**Thompson, Trevor Lee**

*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Springfield

**Thornburg, Tasha Ann**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Rich Hill

**Titsworth, Stanley Joe**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Tulsa, OK

**Ward, Tracy Don**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Purcell, MO

**West, Sarah Nichole**

*Health Science*  
Carthage

**Wilkerson, Clint Alan**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Carthage

**Witt, Douglas John**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Pierce City

**Wright, Derek Matthew**

*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Ozark



# Bachelor of General Studies

**Alexander, Laci Dawn**

*General Studies*

Lockwood

**Jones, Eric Micheal**

*General Studies*

Webb City

**Nunn, Carolyn M.**

*General Studies*

Dripping Springs, TX

**Rust, Kent A.**

*General Studies*

Mt. Vernon

**Balfour, Jonathan Edward**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Kirkland, Seth Robert**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Parks, Michelle Nicole**

*General Studies*

Windsor

**Segal, Nicole Ruth**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Forest, Weaver L.**

*General Studies*

Verona

**Lawson, Cheryl Anne**

*General Studies*

Neosho

**Penny, Virginia Marie**

*General Studies*

Pineville

**Simmons, Jeff L.**

*General Studies*

Carthage

**Gaskill, Jason Hemphill**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Ligon, Gary J.**

*General Studies*

Columbus, KS

**Perkins, Jason Craig**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Wenzel, Kathryn Elaine**

*General Studies*

Quapaw, OK

**Hatcher, Christine Renee**

*General Studies*

Carthage

**Miles, Jr., Kenneth L.**

*General Studies*

Olathe, KS

**Perkins, Karleigh L.**

*General Studies*

Parson, KS

**Wheeler, Christopher John**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Henderson, Mark A.**

*General Studies*

Slidell, LA

**Moser, Hayley Nicole**

*General Studies*

Joplin

**Ray, Christian Marie**

*General Studies*

Baxter Springs, KS

**Williams, Stefanie Fae**

*General Studies*

Kansas City

**Hood, Tyler Lee**

*General Studies*

Alba

**Nesbitt, Aaron Robert**

*General Studies*

Springfield

**Robbins, Justin Brian**

*General Studies*

Springfield



# Associate of Science

**Bain, Audrey Dayle ‡**

*Law Enforcement*  
Lenexa, KS

**Braker, Trent A.**

*Law Enforcement*  
Iantha

**Brunner, Shaun M.**

*CIS-Information Systems*  
Joplin

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# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,  
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

*Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.*



## Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

<b>Brown:</b>	Fine Arts
<b>Crimson:</b>	Journalism
<b>Dark Blue:</b>	Philosophy
<b>Golden Yellow:</b>	Science
<b>Lemon Yellow:</b>	Library Science
<b>Light Blue:</b>	Education
<b>Pink:</b>	Music
<b>Purple:</b>	Law
<b>Sage Green:</b>	Physical Education
<b>Scarlet:</b>	Theology
<b>White:</b>	Arts, Letters, Humanities
<b>Yellow Brown:</b>	Commerce, Business, Accountancy





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